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"CHRIST is born!" from earth to heaven
Echoes that triumphant song.
"Peace on earth,"—the promise given
By the rapturous Angel throng.
Still the strains from glad hearts swell,
Still the promise Angels tell.

Peace, sweet peace for the wanderer,
Along life's weary road.
Peace for the care-worn, bending
Beneath their crushing load.
O, listen, sad one, raise your voice,
Sing with the Angels and rejoice.

PEACE for the sorrow laden,
Peace for the fainting soul,
For the weak and helpless, struggling
Where the waves of trouble roll.
For, lo! He comes, the "Prince of Peace!"
Now shall all pain and sorrow
cease.

Christ is born! glad voices
Swell the strain again
Tell again the promise:
"Peace, good will toward men."
Let every heart and voice prolong
The echo of the Angel's song.

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GLAD TIDINGS.

"GLORY to the new-born King!"
Hark! the heavenly chorus swelling.
Shines the star of Bethlehem,
Lo! the wondrous story telling
Of a Saviour born to men.
Haste! your adoration bring.

"Peace on earth, good will toward men,"
Down the ages comes the strain
Of the blessed Angel song;
Telling hearts that long have lain
In woe, "Arise! the Christ is born,
Awake to joy again."

BEHOLD! a Saviour come to earth;
Arouse, from selfish grief and sin.
Unbar the closed door of thy soul,
And let the new Christ enter in.
Arise! and let this day enroll
A new-found spirit's birth.

"All glory be to God on high!"
Up, heart and voice, to sing his praise.
Dark night is past, the light of day
Spreads far and wide its cheering rays,
To guide and bless the heavenly way
That leads from earth to sky.

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